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## In brief

### Troops to Teachers

There will be a Troops to Teachers briefing 9 a.m. July 28 in Rm. 26 of the Education Center. This briefing will provide information to those wishing to transition from the military into a teaching position in Florida. The program is open to retirees and active duty members getting out with six or more years of service and reservists and National Guard members with 10 or more years of service.

### Pharmacy early closure

Tyndall pharmacy services will close at noon today for an official function. Please plan prescription pickup accordingly. Starting in August all Tyndall pharmacy services will close at noon the first Wednesday of each month for mandatory readiness training.

### Medical group early closure

The 325th Medical Group, including all services and the pharmacy, will close at noon today for an official function. Those who have an emergency (illness or injury which threatens life, limb or eyesight) should call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room immediately. To reach a primary care manager for authorization for non-emergent care, contact the primary care manager on call at 283-2778.

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Jim Weslowski

## Transformational trainer

Capt. Paul Moga, 43rd Fighter Squadron director of training, prepares for a sortie in the F/A-22 Full Mission Trainer. The FMT provides F/A-22 student pilots a high-tech way to become familiar with the Raptor's systems and practice skills prior to flying the jet. For more on the training of F/A-22 pilots, see pages 8-9.

## Airman dies in Iraq

**LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. (AFPN)** — An Airman assigned to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing and attached to the U.S. Army's 494th Truck Company at Balad Air Base, Iraq, was killed in action Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Dustin Peters, 25, died when the convoy he was riding in encountered an improvised explosive device.

Sergeant Peters served as the NCO in charge of equipment support for the 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron here before his deployment to Iraq.

"We lost a valuable member of the Little Rock Air Force Base team and our Air Force family," said Col. Joseph Reheiser, 314th Airlift Wing commander. "Sergeant Peters will be missed, but his dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

"Right now, our efforts are focused on providing his family and friends the support and assistance they need," he said.

Sergeant Peters entered the Air Force on Jan. 29, 1997. After completing basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he

attended technical training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., graduating as a vehicle operator journeyman. Before arriving here on Nov. 28, 2000, Sergeant Peters had assignments at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., and Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

"Sergeant Peters was a devoted patriot and Airman," said Lt. Col. Daniel Hicks, 314th LRS commander.

"Since his arrival at Little Rock Air Force Base, he has been a valued member of our unit and a close friend to many," Colonel Hicks said. "One thing you could count on was his service to our country and others always came ahead of his own needs and desires. His loss has touched us deeply, and we will miss him."

Sergeant Peters departed for Southwest Asia in February for a 179-day tour, his fourth deployment since arriving here.

His military decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and valor device, and an Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

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# Air Force housing: A commitment to our Airmen

GEN. JOHN JUMPER  
Air Force Chief of Staff

**WASHINGTON** — The foundation of our Air Force is our people. Caring for them and their families remains one of our highest priorities. One way we’re making good on that commitment is by providing safe and affordable housing. We are committed to providing our Airmen the quality of housing that is commensurate with the society they protect.

Through privatization, increases in the basic allowance for housing, and a new dorm standard, we are combating the problems of inadequate housing. There is a myth out there that the new ways of doing business mean that we have abandoned our commitment to ensuring all Air Force members have access to adequate and affordable housing. Let me assure you that nothing is further from the truth.

Secretary (of the Air Force James) Roche and I are committed to ensuring all Air Force members have access to safe, adequate and affordable housing either in the local community or on our installations.

Providing housing options in the local community is our first target.

**“We are committed to providing our Airmen the quality of housing that is commensurate with the society they protect.”**

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Since 2000, we have reduced the average out-of-pocket expenses for members from 18.9 percent of the cost of housing to 3.5 percent today through annual increases in BAH. We are on track to eliminate these out-of-pocket expenses by next year. These out-of-pocket expenses affect many of the nearly 60 percent of Air Force families who live off base. Through these increases to BAH, you will have a wider range of affordable housing options in your local community.

We are also aggressively targeting the problem of inadequate housing on base. At the beginning of this fiscal year, there were 40,000 inadequate military family housing units, but we plan to eliminate these through partnerships with private developers and military construction projects.

Through a process we call “privatization,” we partner with private developers who will build and maintain housing units for Air Force families. These partnership arrangements allow us to provide quality homes more quickly than we can through traditional military constructions.

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## Checkertail Clan welcomes new squadron commanders

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW  
325th Fighter Wing commander

The past two weeks have certainly been busy for the Checkertail Clan as squadron leadership continues to change hands. Lt. Col. Patrick Marshall, 1st Fighter Squadron commander, passed the “Furies” torch to Lt. Col. Bert Dreher, who previously served as the squadron’s director of operations. Also, Lt. Col. Patrick Moylan relinquished command of the 95th Fighter Squadron to Lt. Col. Keith Seaman, who served as the 325th Operations Support Squadron’s director of operations. Lt. Col. Kenny Weldon, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander and Lt. Col. George Zaniewski, 325th

Maintenance Squadron commander, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Curt Van De Walle and Lt. Col. Nathan Lyden, respectively. Colonel Van De Walle joins us from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, where he served as commander of the 17th Civil Engineer Squadron. Colonel Lyden joins Team Tyndall from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., where he served as the U.S. Air Force Aircraft Guns Program manager.

Maj. Marc Piccolo, who joins us from Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, where he served as the 8th Services Squadron commander, replaces Lt. Col. Greg Parsons as the 325th Services Squadron commander.

Also, Lt. Col. Dennis

McDevitt, who previously served as the director of operations for the 325th Air Control Squadron, assumed command of the ACS from Lt. Col. John Cote.

I want to extend my thanks to our outgoing commanders for their hard work and dedication to the Tyndall mission. Each of you has done tremendous things and produced award-winning results for the 325th Fighter Wing and all of Team Tyndall. I am confident each of you will continue to excel in your new assignments.

I also want to welcome our new commanders. You’ve certainly joined a fantastic organization. Tyndall offers many op-

portunities for growth and excellence, and the hospitality of the folks serving here, as well as those in the community, is unmatched. Best of luck to you all in your new roles!

Two of our medical professionals hung up their Air Force uniforms recently. Lt. Col. Pete Brock, 325th Medical Group deputy commander, and Col. John Everett, 325th Medical Group chief of medical staff, each retired after more than 20 years of honorable service to our Air Force. Lt. Col. Bradley Herremans steps into the deputy commander role later in the month and the new chief of

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### Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you’re not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

*Larry D. New*  
BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW  
325th Fighter Wing commander

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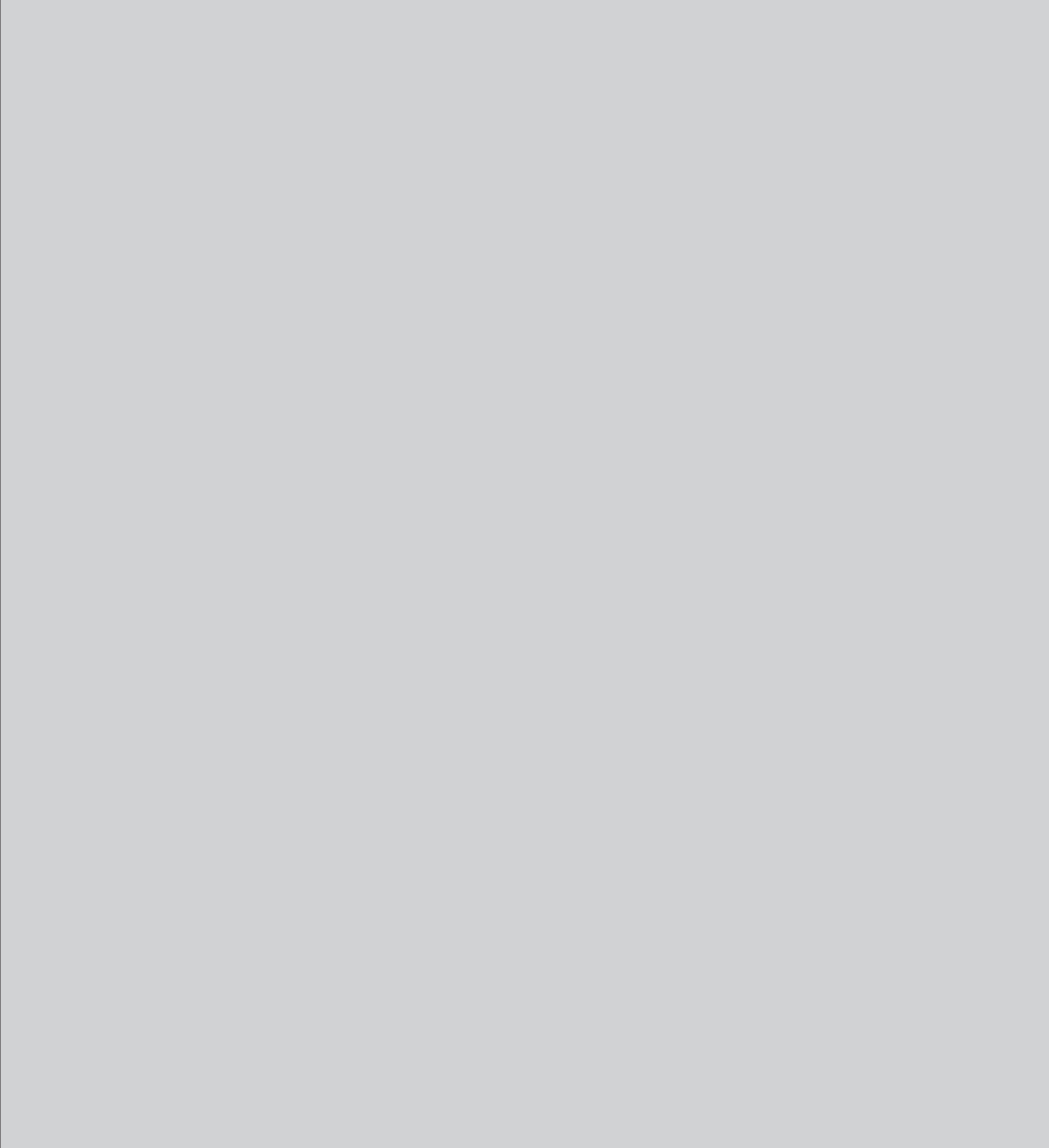
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# AAFES allows all to purchase calling cards for troops overseas

Service members stationed anywhere in the world can call home anytime with donated minutes as a result of a new decision by the Department of Defense that allows the Army & Air Force Exchange Service to sell Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Cards to anyone wishing to donate them to deployed troops.

Up until four weeks ago, mom, dad, aunts and uncles had no choice but to purchase and send domestic phone cards that were designed for calls between New York and Dallas, not Baghdad to Dallas. Cards are available at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

"Sending a phone card to deployed troops reminds them that folks back home are thinking of them and really care," says AAFES' Tyndall AFB Exchange General Manager, David Ingram.

The new 550-Unit

Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Card, available for \$39, provides up to 140 minutes of call time from remote and austere locations throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

United States.

Mr. Ingram says one of the problems with the program is that so few people know about the initiative. The program is very different from

Card is available to anyone that wishes to make a donation to an individual service member or "any Soldier" at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) (or call 800-527-2345).

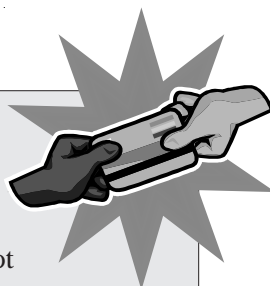
As troops are being deployed to remote locations around the world, AAFES goes, too, supplying them with necessities that bring a touch of home. That is why AAFES proudly proclaims "We Go Where You Go!"

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is a joint command of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. The AAFES operates stores known as base exchanges (BX) and post exchanges (PX) in every state and 35 countries.

(Courtesy of AAFES News Service)

## How to help:

- Anyone can send a military member overseas a calling card, not just active duty or retired military.
- The 550-Unit Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Card is available to anyone that wishes to make a donation to an individual service member or "any Soldier" at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) (or call 800-527-2345).



Even though the face value of domestic cards may appear higher, phone cards sold by commercial retailers stateside provide fewer global minutes since they are designed for use only in the

any other initiative AAFES has embarked on. Up until now, AAFES has only been allowed to sell items to active or retired military.

The 550-Unit Military Exchange Prepaid Phone

Help Us Conserve



YOU HAVE  
the POWER.

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As of today, we have already built 4,934 new homes through privatization. By 2007, we will have eliminated all inadequate housing units in the continental United States, and two years later, we will have eliminated inadequate units overseas. Secretary Roche and I view the increased use of privatization as key to meeting these goals so we are working with private developers when it makes sense to do so.

In cases where privatization is neither feasible nor cost effective, we will use traditional military construction programs. We also tripled our investment in Air Force-owned housing and improved the size standards to ensure our on-base homes are comparable in size and quality to modem homes available in the local community.

Although we may use developers to construct, maintain and operate military family housing, we have not outsourced our responsibility for the welfare of our Air Force

families. We have been and always will be committed to providing the best available housing options for our members — but our methods for achieving this goal have changed. These new methods provide greater flexibility to satisfy our housing needs.

Increases in BAH provide our members greater flexibility to find housing off base. For on-base housing requirements, privatization provides us greater flexibility to build and renovate quality units, while ensuring that the contractors are responsive to the needs of residents. Currently, we have privatized over 6,000 units, and have a very high rate of resident satisfaction. Over the next three years, we plan to privatize a total of 45,000 units. In many cases, the privatized housing is on base property, or just outside the base, making it as convenient as traditional base housing. Privatization is one tool that enables us to provide quality housing to meet your needs.

We are equally committed to providing a

quality living environment for our young unaccompanied Airmen. We currently have a shortage of nearly 2,400 rooms, but we are making great strides in filling that gap.

From fiscal year 1996 through this year, we have spent \$1.3 billion in military construction money for new dormitories, and we plan to spend an additional \$735 million over the next five years. With this money, we will eliminate our room deficit and develop an improved room standard called Dorms-4-Airmen. This improved design provides a larger living/sleeping area and a private bathroom in each room. In addition, the new design improves social interaction by connecting four living/sleeping areas to a large living room and kitchen. Each living room/kitchen area will also have a washer and dryer available to the four occupants.

We are also addressing dormitories for technical training. Currently we have a technical training dorm deficit of over 29 percent, with 40 percent of our existing technical train-

ing dorms having three students in rooms designed for two. However, this deficit will be eliminated by 2009, as we build new dorms each year for the next five years. We have already completed construction of eight new technical training dorms in the last five years and have three new dorms under construction today.

Even as we fight the war on terrorism, we have not lost focus on the importance of quality of life for our Airmen. Providing adequate housing allows Airmen to focus on the mission, knowing that their families have a safe place to live.

Ours is the greatest Air Force in the world because of the remarkable people we attract and retain. The old adage that “we recruit individuals, we retain families” has never been more true. I am extremely proud of the progress we have made in our housing program as we strive to make it worthy of the outstanding men and women who make our Air Force the world’s best.





# Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Charles Hargett



Lisa Norman

**Sergeant Hargett receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.**

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Hargett who was an initial responder for the recent F-15 crash. As a contingency contracting officer he procured over \$25,000 in supplies and equipment within a matter of hours to sustain recovery operations.

Sergeant Hargett provides oversight for \$7.5 million base paving and sewer line contracts and was the flight chiefs appoint for \$5 million base paving contract rewrite. He also earned his bachelor's degree, is the secretary for Air Force Sergeant's Association and volunteered 12 hours of his time for the Gulf Coast Salute.

**Duty title:** Contracting specialist

**Time on station:** Two years

**Time in service:** Eight years

**Hometown:** Phoenix, Ariz.

**Hobbies:** Family, golf, bowling, reading

**Goals:** Finish my master's degree and earn a commission

**Favorite movie:** "The Matrix" (The first one)

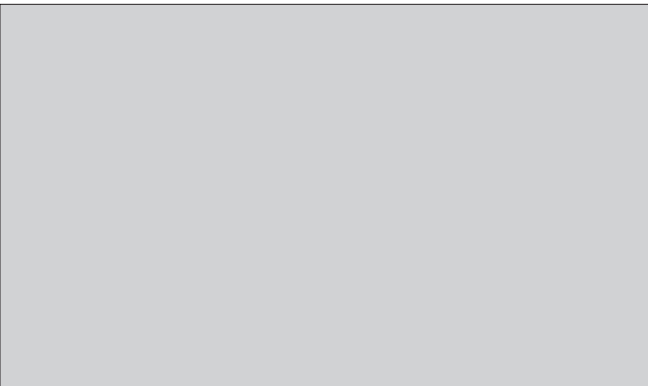
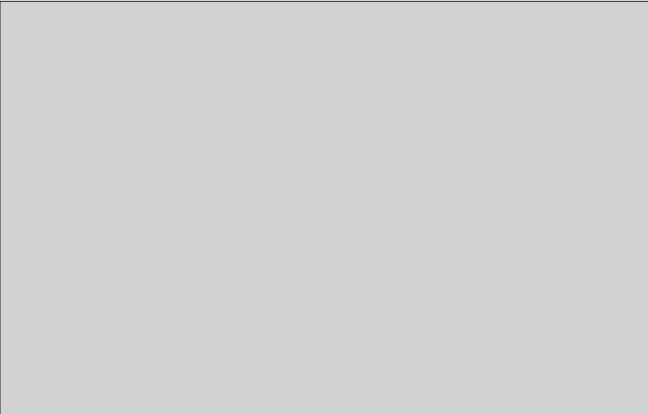
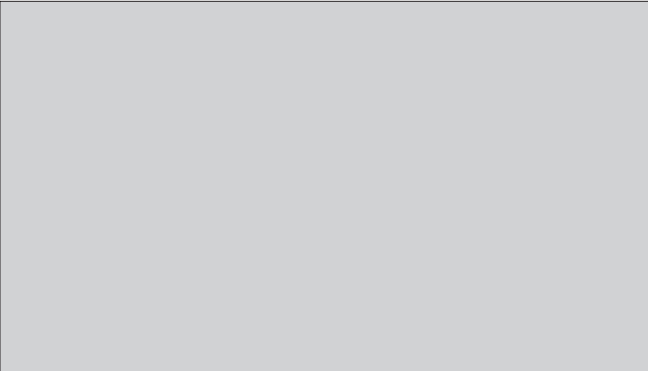
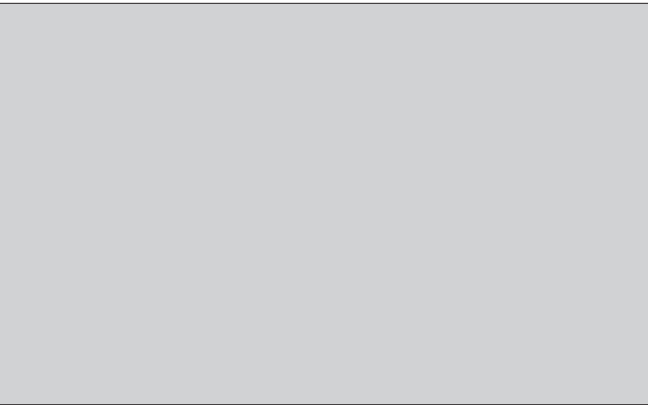
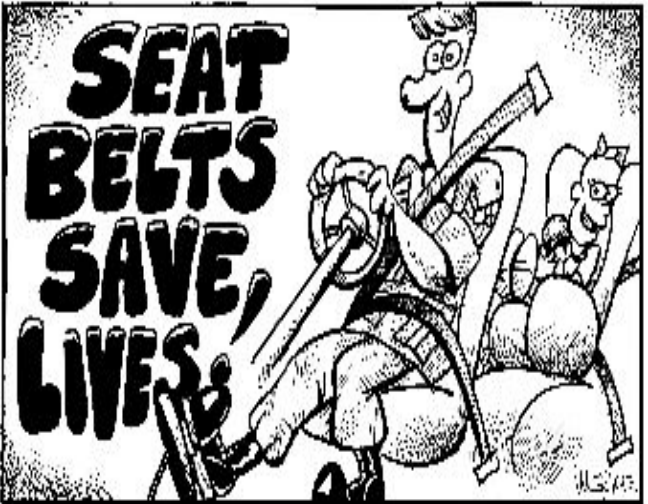
**Favorite book:** The DaVinci Code

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** The people of the 325th Contracting Squadron

**Pet peeves:** When people work harder to get out of work than actually doing the work that needs to be done

**Proudest moment in the military:** When I earned distinguished graduate at Airman Leadership School

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.



## NCO Academy Graduates

The following are Team Tyndall NCO Academy Graduates:

Jennifer Barbaccia, 325th OSS

Keith Cavanaugh, 83rd FWS

Anthony Duplechain, 83rd FWS

Dewayne Fowler, 325th AMXS

Shawn Hull, 823rd RHS

Royce Hutchins, 325th MXS

Kathy Jackson, 325th FW

Jonathan Lohrenz, 325th MXS

Kevin Shackleford, 325th CS

Eric Spargo, 325th AMXS

Robert Stegemeyer, 325th FW

Terrell Vinson, 325th CS

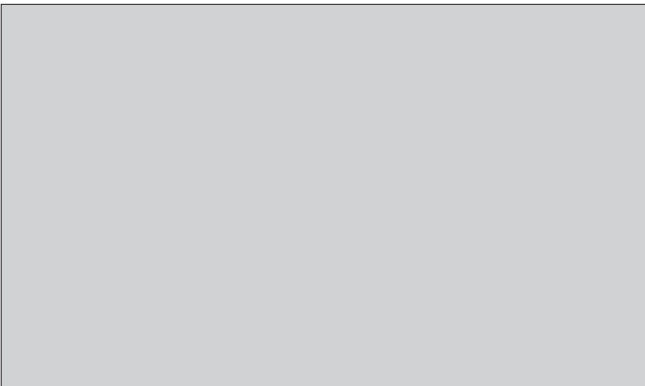
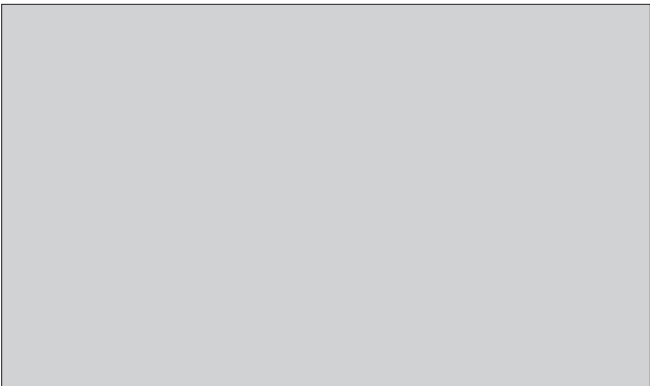
Dwayne Ward, 823rd RHS

Shawn Watchorn, SEADS

Timothy Weaver, 325th AMXS

Lee Weinberg, 325th MXG

Dee Yates, 325th ACS



### Tyndall June Re-enlistments

Tech. Sgt. Terry Baylis II, 325th AMXS	Staff Sgt. Aaron Norgrant, 325th AMXS
Senior Master Sgt. James Brown, 16th EWS	Staff Sgt. Christopher Peters, 325th AMXS
Senior Master Sgt. Richard Bruck, 325th OSS	Staff Sgt. William Reeves, 325th MXS
Tech. Sgt. Richard Byers, 325th SVS	Tech. Sgt. David Shaw, 325th CS
Senior Airman Jefferey Collins, 325th SVS	Staff Sgt. Christopher Smith, 325th AMXS
Tech. Sgt. Robert Corrigan, Tyndall NCO Academy	Chief Master Sgt. Mark Spoon, 83rd FWS
Master Sgt. Darryl Harris, 325th MXG	Master Sgt. Daniel Trahan, 325th SFS
Senior Master Sgt. Danita Henry, HQ AFCESA	Master Sgt. Dale Wallace, 325th MXS
Staff Sgt. Daniel Jeffries, 325th MOS	Staff Sgt. Travis Wheeler, 325th AMXS
Senior Airman Tibal Merritt, 325th ACS	Master Sgt. James White, 53rd WEG

## Services wins AF level award

**STEVE RIDDLE**  
325th Services Squadron publicist

The 325th Services Squadron readiness section recently received the 2004 Air Force Readiness Program of the Year Award, which makes the second year in a row the readiness section has won this honor.

“It is absolutely tough to win back-to-back Air Force level awards due to outstanding programs in all commands throughout the Air Force,” said Col. Martin Sayles, 325th Mission Support Group Commander. “We are indeed honored to receive this prestigious award once again. However, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the awesome support from Team Tyndall. This is especially due to the magnificent performance from the elite members of Tyndall’s Honor

Guard. It was a total team effort.”

A high operational tempo, including contingencies at home and deployments to the Middle East, helped earn the award for the Readiness Section, according to 2nd Lt. Trang Le, who was the officer in-charge of the readiness section last year.

“We deployed 70 percent of our military personnel overseas last year, and made sure that more than 350 of our people were trained for combat and community support,” Lieutenant Le said.

The overseas tours included a base in Qatar and a bare-base location in Iraq. At the Iraq base, the services squadron personnel deployed there were able to stand up 11 facilities and procure \$175,00

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## TSP now has toll-free service

**WASHINGTON** — A toll-free telephone service for Thrift Savings Plan participants and beneficiaries begins July 1.

Callers will be able to receive TSP account or transaction information via the service daily around the clock. They will also be able to speak to a participant service representative at one of two call centers 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time Monday through Friday.

The retirement savings plan is for federal employees and similar to the 401(k) plans offered by many pri-

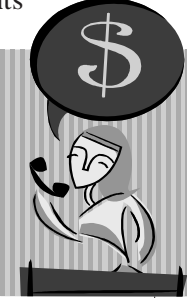
vate employers. As of May 31, TSP assets totaled more than \$135 billion, and retirement savings accounts were being main-

clude federal civilian employees in all branches of Government, employees of the U.S. Postal Service, and members of the uniformed services.

For calls from the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the primary toll-free number will be (877) 968-3778 and the TDD number for the hearing impaired will be (877) 847-4385. The current number (504) 255-8777 can be used for all other international calls.

**The thrift savings plan toll free numbers**

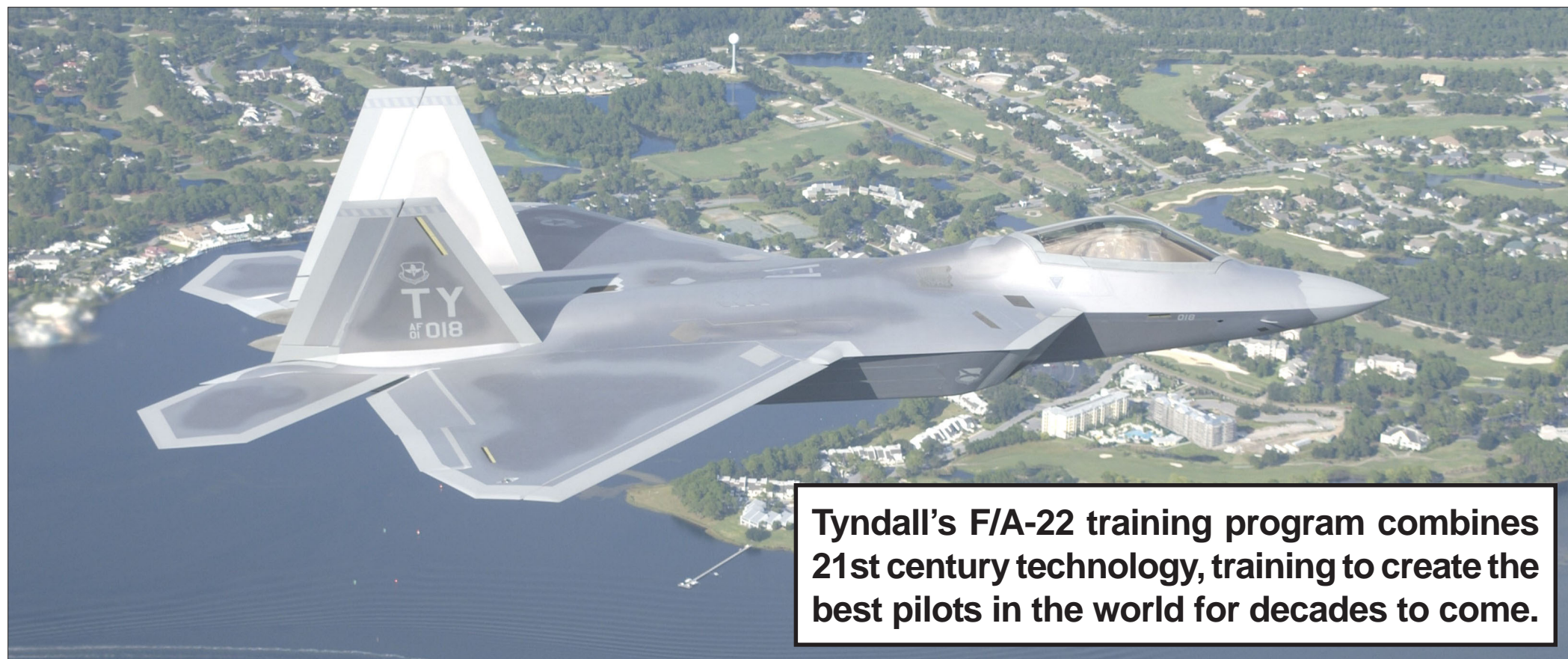
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# To build a Raptor pilot ...



Courtesy photo

On Sept 26, 2003, Lt. Col Jeff Harrigian, 43rd Fighter Squadron commander, delivers the first F/A-22 Raptor to Tyndall marking the beginning of a new era in training at the base.

## 1ST LT. ALBERT BOSCO

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

*(This is the second of a four-part series highlighting the role the Raptor and Tyndall Airmen play in securing air dominance for the nation's armed services.)*

In a time when the U.S. Air Force's superior technology is matched only by the quality of training its Airmen receive, the "Home of Air Dominance" is taking pilot training to the next level.

For more than 20 years the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base has been charged with providing world-class training to the men and women who fly the F-15 Eagle in support of our nation's defense.

Pilot training is accomplished by the 325th Operations Support Squadron in conjunction with the wing's fighter squadrons, which oversees nearly every aspect of instruction provided to the students. While the wing continues to provide training in the F-15, the arrival of the F/A-22 Raptor has marked a significant change in the way pilots train here today and how they will train at other locations in the future.

"The way we train our pilots is the same way other bases like [Langley AFB, Va.] will train theirs," said Col. Tim Merrell, 325th Operations Group commander and

recent graduate of Tyndall's Raptor training program. "We focus on a building block approach that is structured and relevant, so the pilot can export the skills taught into a real-world mission. We perform total air dominance training here. That's one of our core competencies, and it's critical to what we do to ensure America's defense."

The use of cutting-edge technology, such as the squadron's state-of-the-art Full Mission Trainers and Weapons Task Trainers, allows a student pilot to become familiar with the Raptor's processes and systems, and affords him a cost-effective platform in which to practice new skill sets before taking to the air.

"The simulators replicate many aspects of the aircraft very well and are great for practicing basic systems and flying skills," Colonel Merrell said.

The Air Force does not plan to extend training to new pilots who have just com-

pleted undergraduate pilot training until about 2008. However, pilots with flying experience in other aircraft such as the F-15 and F-16 are being brought onto the Raptor team as the jet prepares to enter operational status sometime next year.

According to Maj. Michael Hoepfner, 43rd Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations, one of Tyndall's eight F/A-22 instructor pilots and a seasoned fighter pilot with more than 2,800 flying hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon, training an already experienced pilot in the Raptor takes about eight weeks.

Major Hoepfner added the Raptor's technological advantages make it easier to learn, fly and employ, something that wasn't the case when he was learning to fly the F-16.

"In the F-15 and F-16 you have to learn to fly the aircraft well, then you have to learn to employ the aircraft well, and finally you have to learn how to make com-

bat decisions. Until you mastered the first two you really could not develop your decision making skills," Major Hoepfner said. "In the Raptor, the flight control system makes the jet easy to fly, and the integrated avionics makes it easy to employ. In the F-15 and F-16, the pilot has to gather information from multiple displays and process that data to employ the jet, whereas the Raptor's integrated avionics system collates all of that data into a single, easy to interpret display, which frees the pilot to dedicate himself to making tactical decisions."

The F/A-22 may be easier to fly and employ than its predecessors, but it is a dynamic team of professionals that ensures Raptor training comes together in a unique training environment to produce combat-ready pilots. And according to Major Hoepfner, training in other aircraft, such as the F-16, is vastly different due in



**"All training is monitored closely to ensure that not only are we teaching the correct information, but also that it is being taught in the right order."**

CAPT. PAUL MOGA

43rd Fighter Squadron director of training





part to the way the syllabus is structured.

“Because we were the first to run a formal Replacement Training Unit-style syllabus, we knew we would learn a great deal about instructing in the Raptor. As we learned, we changed and modified the syllabus to ensure we created a syllabus that would enable us to produce the best-trained Raptor pilots possible,” he said. “The lessons we learned during the Interim Syllabus were applied in the development of the current Air Education and Training Command Syllabus.”

Upon arrival, students begin about two weeks of intensive academics including self-paced computer-based instruction, instructor-led lectures and training in a low-fidelity WTT to emphasize key skill sets.

After the first week of academics, training begins in a high-fidelity FMT. Since there is no two-seat version of the Raptor, a student pilot must hone his or her skills to near perfection in the FMT before actually flying the aircraft. According to Major Hoepfner, FMTs are very realistic and they allow student pilots to train while mitigating the risk and cost associated with conducting training in the actual aircraft, but they are never a replacement for actual flying time in the aircraft.

Training in the simulators continues throughout the syllabus, and as a new skill set is taught it is introduced and practiced in the FMT.

“Initially, the student concentrates on just getting used to the jet – taking off, navigating, landing, basic handling maneuvers, etc ...,” said Major Hoepfner. “As proficiency is obtained in those areas, the student moves on to advanced exercises similar to those he or she may be required to execute in combat. By the end of the second week, the student puts it all together and is ready to fly the Raptor solo for the first time.”

After about six weeks of flying the jet, continuing academic instruction and honing skills in the simulators, a mission-ready Raptor pilot is born.

According to Capt. Paul Moga, 43rd FS director of training, an experienced Eagle pilot with more than 1,400 flying hours in the F-15 and soon-to-be Raptor student, one of the ways the 325th OSS and 43rd FS ensure the success of student pilots is by tracking their progress throughout the



Lisa Norman

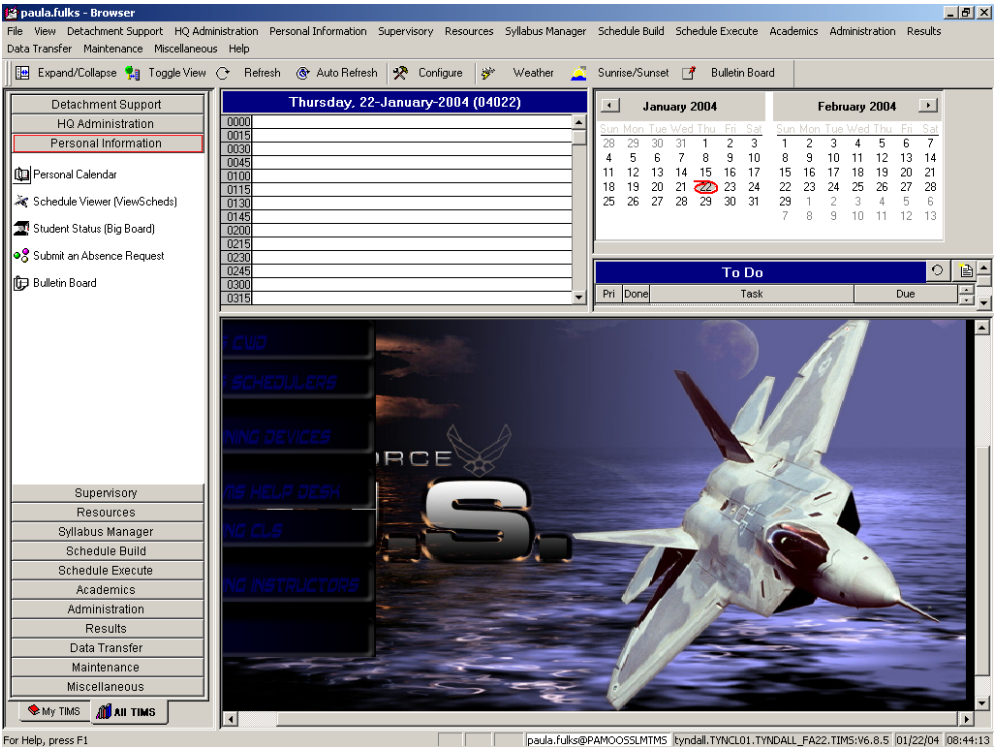
**Maj. Michael Hoepfner, 43rd Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations, is greeted by fellow squadron members following his first F/A-22 sortie in January. Major Hoepfner was the first pilot to complete Raptor training here.**

entire training process.

“All training is monitored closely to ensure that not only are we teaching the correct information, but also that it is being taught in the right order,” Captain Moga said. “There is a very scripted order that academics, simulators and flights occur in. We monitor this via the Training Management System, a tool that allows us to track every aspect of a student’s progress and training. This ensures the students are given the best possible instruction in the most logical order by the highest quality instructors.”

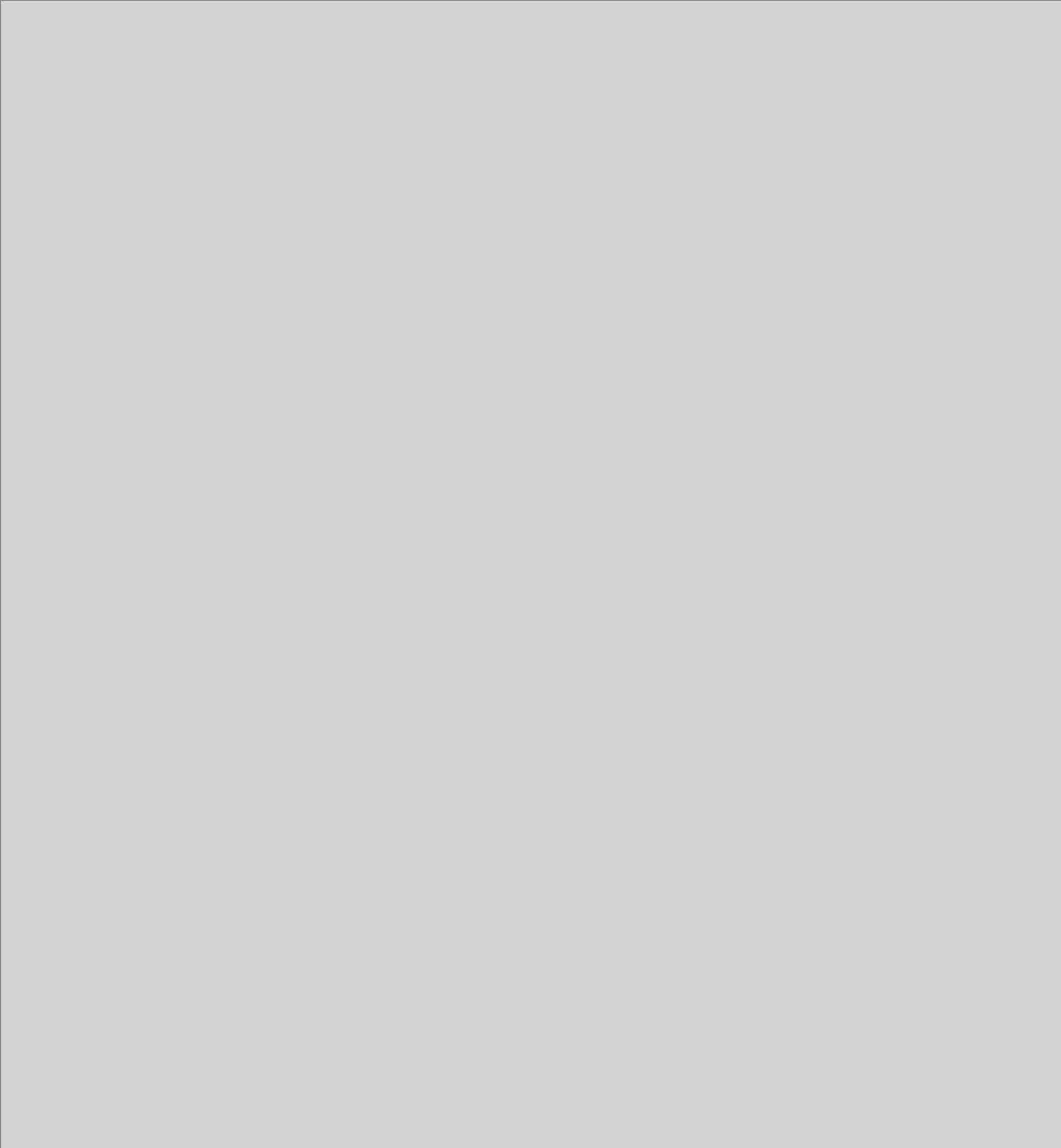
The end result is a new Raptor pilot who is more deadly than any potential adversary.

“We’ve had the good fortune to take the Raptor up against some of the most experienced Eagle drivers in the world, and the results have spoken for themselves – the Raptor wins every time,” said Major Hoepfner. “We still have to fly the jet well, but mistakes in the Raptor against a less capable adversary are much less costly and easily overcome.”

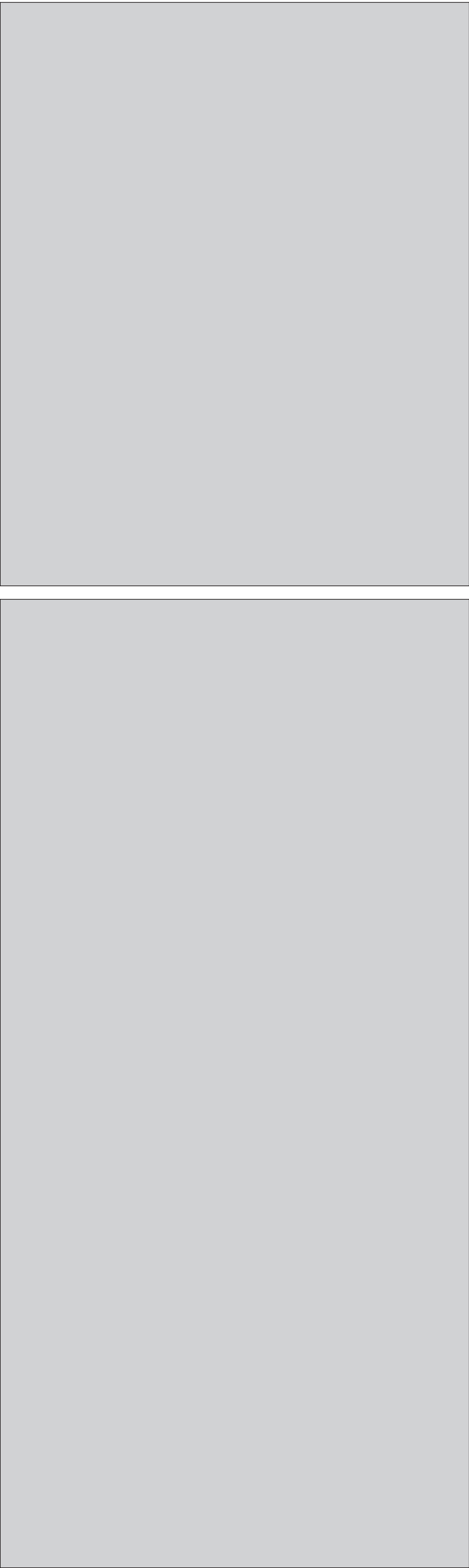


Courtesy graphic

**The Training Management System (pictured here,) is an electronic tool used throughout a student pilot’s training to track his or her progress in the Raptor syllabus. This electronic workbook is just one of the many high-tech tools incorporated into training the next generation of air dominance pilots.**







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medical staff will be Lt. Col. Daniel Kulund, who joins us from Tinker AFB, Okla. Pete and John, thank you for your tireless dedication to the Team Tyndall and Air Force mission and for ensuring Team Tyndall members and their families continually received the best medical care available. Best of luck to you both in the future!

As you can see, there is lots of activity this summer. We're still in the '101 Critical Days,' and although Team Tyndall has done great so far, we're not through the summer months yet and safety is a year-round commitment. I've mentioned many times in the

past the need to exercise proper judgment and safety practices during your daily routines and off-duty time, but it is an area that requires constant attention and focus.

While Northwest Florida boasts some of the world's

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**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander



most beautiful beaches, there are many safety hazards on the water to include fast-moving boats and various personal watercraft. There may be individuals boating under the influence of alcohol, and there are those ever-present beach rip currents. If you decide to operate watercraft ensure you receive the appropriate

training and avoid consuming alcoholic beverages while operating watercraft, as there is no difference between this and operating a car, it's still drinking and driving and it's against the law. Observe the posted warn-

ing flag conditions where available, even before venturing into the water. Also, watch small children as the beaches tend to get crowded.

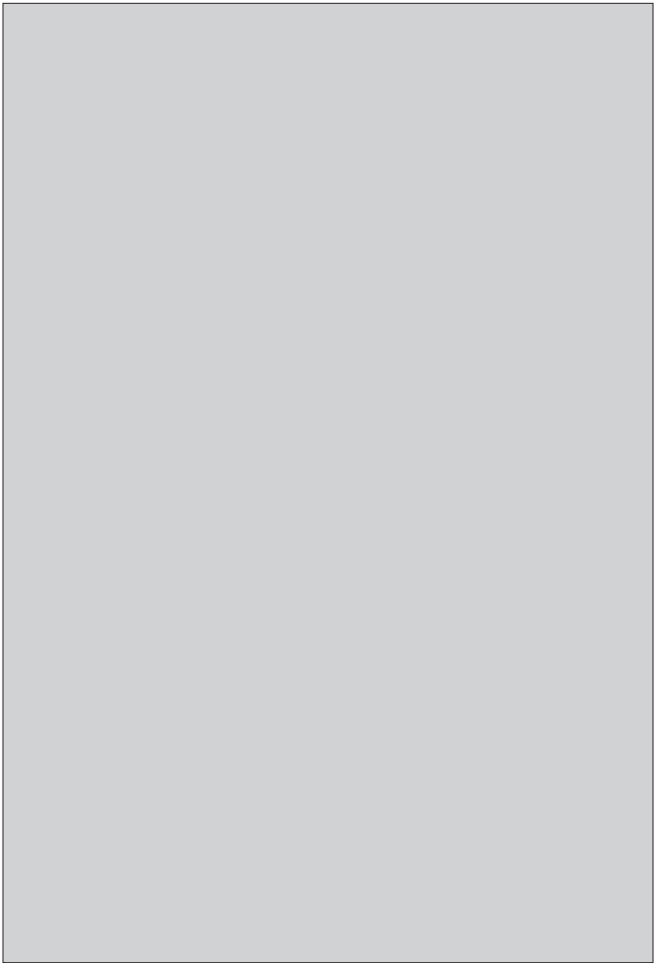
Be careful out there. We need each and every one of you to accomplish our mission. Let's make this the most successful 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign yet.

Have a great, safe weekend and I'll see you next week.

There's only one way to come out ahead of the pack.

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## Events

### Basics of investing

The next Basics of Investing class will be held in the Family Support Center classroom, Bldg. 743, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today. Call 283-4204 for reservations and information.

### Blended family seminar

There will be a blended families seminar 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Family Support Center classroom. Participants can bring their lunch. Dessert will be provided. For more information or reservations, call 283-4204.

### Senior NCO induction ceremony dinner

Tyndall Top 3 invites Team Tyndall members to its 7th Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony Dinner July 30. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Menu - Prime beef and grouper: \$20 for club members and \$23 for non-club members. Chef salad - \$18 for club members and \$21 for non-club members.

### Palace Chase information

The Air National Guard has part-time positions available throughout the country to military members separating or thinking about applying for Palace Chase.

Retraining is available, and members retain most of their benefits in addition to some state benefits such as 100 percent tuition assistance. For more information, contact Master Sgt. William Andujar at (850) 884-2729 or e-mail [william.andujar@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:william.andujar@hurlburt.af.mil).

### Air Force Reserve opportunities

The Air Force Reserve is hiring for part-time positions all over the United States. It is possible to continue receiving Air Force benefits while building toward retirement, perhaps in a totally different career field and in a different location. If you are thinking about separating under the Palace Chase Force Shaping initiative or are approaching the end of your Active Duty commitment, please contact Master Sgt. Randi Baum at DSN 523-8384 to learn more about the opportunities in the Air Force Reserve.

### E-8 testing window changes

Beginning in December, all master ser-



Jim Weslowski

## Icing on the cake

Samuel Davis, son of Lt. Col. Jane Zukerberg and Wayne Davis, (left) and Rosalyn Henry, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Danita Henry were presented \$1,500 scholarships by Tyndall's Defense Commissary Agency manager Michael Yaksich and the local scholarship sponsor Slim Fast Food Company during a ceremony honoring the DeCA/Fisher House Foundation Scholars July 7. More than 6,500 applications were received and \$810,000 worth of scholarship was awarded this year to military dependents worldwide. Mr. Davis is attending Florida State University and Ms. Henry is attending Florida A&M University.

geants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will test on the USAF supervisory examination Dec. 6-17. The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out-of-cycle. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brian Chasse at DSN 665-2265.

## Retiree News

### Some survivors face deadline for restored benefits

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) wants to ensure that surviving spouses of deceased veterans are aware of an approaching deadline that may affect entitlement to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits.

For more information on restoration of these benefits, call VA's toll free number at 1-800-827-1000 or visit the nearest VA regional office. People who are hearing impaired should call VA at 1-800-829-4833 by use of a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD).

## Classifieds

### Wanted

Part-time editorial assistant needed

for weekly *Gulf Defender* newspaper serving Tyndall AFB. Duties include proofreading, editing, inputting copy submissions and performing mailouts of approximately 100 papers weekly. Needed for Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday and Friday morning hours.

Applicants should possess strong spelling and grammar skills. Knowledge of Associated Press style a plus. Position is hired by the Panama City News Herald. To apply, contact 1st Lt. Albert Bosco at 283-8597.

### Chow Chow/ German Shepherd

Free to a good home, one predominately Chow Chow puppy, male, 4 months old, going to be big and strong. For a picture e-mail [smcdowell@knology.net](mailto:smcdowell@knology.net). For more information call Lauren at 866-0070 or Sarah at 819-4064.

### 1996 Honda Accord

Green, two door, in good condition, \$5,600. Call 233-3048.

### For Sale

2002 honda scooter elite. Less than 200 miles. Perfect condition. Price includes 2 helmets. \$1,500. OBO call

(850) 872-4580.

Three 1960's 35" Patti Play Pal Dolls, \$75; 1 coffee table and 2 end tables, cherry, in excellent condition, \$150 for the trio. Please call 286-4277 or 819-4426.

## Garage Sales

2815 B Falcon St.

3122 A Dagger Drive

Garage sales are held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic services held at Chapel 2:

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday Reconciliation (before Saturday Mass or by appointment)

Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

### Protestant services at Chapel 1:

Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1 Religious Education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1476

General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.





Steve Riddle

## And they're off ...

Jennifer Kiel (left) and Alyssa Cowden begin the Women's 50-meter Butterfly race July 9 at the Tyndall Base Pool. The pool hosted a swim meet for all Tyndall personnel. The next event will be a Family Fun Day scheduled for July 31.

# July 9 Swim Meet results

## Event Winners

1. Women's 200-meter Freestyle – 1st, Alyssa Cowden. 2nd, Crystal Batzel.
2. Men's 100-meter Butterfly – 1st, Danny Loughran. 2nd, Lixiong Li
3. Senior's 50-meter Freestyle – 1st, Jim Millovich. 2nd, Bob Nichols.
4. Men's 50-meter Freestyle – 1st, Danny Loughran. 2nd, David McGraw.
5. Women's 50-meter Freestyle – 1st, Erin Conroy. 2nd, Jennifer Kiel.
6. Senior's 100-meter Freestyle – 1st, Jim Millovich. 2nd, Bob Nichols.
7. Men's 500-meter Freestyle – 1st, Danny Loughran. 2nd, David McGraw.
8. Women's 500-meter Freestyle – 1st, Alyssa Cowden. 2nd, Jennifer Kiel.
9. Women's 50-meter Breaststroke – 1st, Erin Conroy. 2nd, Crystal Batzel.
10. Women's 50-meter Butterfly – 1st, Alyssa Cowden. 2nd, Jennifer Kiel.

## Overall Winners

1. Men's Division – Danny Loughran
2. Women's Division – Alyssa Cowden
3. Senior's Division – Jim Millovich

## Tyndall's varsity basketball wrap-up

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team, recently put the finishing touch on their 2003-2004 Southeastern Military Athletic Conference back-to-back championship season with their annual end-of-season awards luncheon. The following awards were presented:

- **Leading Scorer:** Elvin Walker, 16.1 points per game
- **Free Throw Percent Leader:** Tarrance Garner, .842 (101-120)
- **Field Goal Percent Leader:** Elvin Walker, .600
- **3-Point Field Goal Percent Leader:** Elvin Walker, .400 (81-203)
- **Assists Leader:** Omar Johnson, 7.4 assists per game
- **Leading Rebounder:** Scott Moore, 9.1 rebounds per game
- **Steals Leader:** Omar Johnson, 3.0 steals per game
- **Blocked Shots Leader:** Scott Moore, 1.1 blocks per game
- **Captain's Award:** Israel Figueroa, Tarrance Garner and Omar Johnson
- **Newcomer of the Year:** Elvin Walker
- **Co-Defensive Players of the Year:** Scott Moore and Elvin Walker

**King Aerospace/Tyndall Tigers Most Valuable Player:** Israel Figueroa

The Tigers finished with a 29-9 overall record (.763 winning percentage) and a 16-8 (.667 winning percentage) conference mark. The Tigers team and individual conference awards included the following: 1st Place – 2003 SEMAC Pre-Season Tour-

namment, (Robins AFB, Ga.) Most Valuable Player: Elvin Walker, All-Tournament: Scott Moore and Tarrance Garner; 2nd Place-2003 SEMAC Thanksgiving Tournament (Keesler AFB, Miss.); 1st Place SEMAC M.L. King Jr. Tourney (Eglin AFB) – Most Valuable Player: Elvin Walker, All-Tournament: Israel Figueroa and Omar Johnson; 1st Place SEMAC Regular Season; 1st Place King Aerospace/SEMAC Post Season Tourney, held here at Tyndall, Most Valuable Player: Israel Figueroa, Most Outstanding Player: Elvin Walker, Most Outstanding Coach: Rica Page, All Tournament: Omar Johnson, Israel Figueroa and Elvin Walker. Conference Awards: Most Valuable Player: Israel Figueroa, All-Conference: Elvin Walker, Omar Johnson and Israel Figueroa, Coach of the Year: Wellington Page.

Elvin Walker capped off one of the best "rookie" seasons in Tigers history by being selected to the All Air Force team, where he was the third leading scorer as the Air Force finished runnerup to the Army squad.

Looking ahead to the 2004-2005 season the SEMAC conference will be as tough as ever with the possibility of Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Rucker Ala., Fort McPherson, Ga. and Columbus AFB, Miss., joining—everyone will be gunning for the Tigers who will be seeking to three-peat. Anyone who feels they possess the skills to play at the varsity level is encouraged to compete for a roster spot—tryouts are tentatively scheduled to begin Aug. 16.

(Courtesy of Tyndall Tigers)



Lisa Norman

## Ultimate trainer

Airmen standing from left: Master Sgt. John Craig, 325th Air Control Squadron, Maj. Norman Fox, 325th Medical Group and Airmen 1st Class Millicent Kessler, 325th ACS, look on as Bill Kazmaier, winner of three World's Strongest Man contests along with numerous other feats of strength, demonstrates lifting techniques with a new line of equipment that will be at the fitness center for a 30-day trial period.







# Funshine NEWS

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www.325thservices.com

## Crazy Cash Give-Away at the O' & E Clubs Fridays during Social Hour.

Jackpot starts at \$100.  
The first member name drawn is for the jackpot. If there is no winner \$25 will be added to next week's jackpot (max. \$500).  
Once the name is drawn the winner has 5 minutes to claim their prize. If the winner fails to claim their prize a second drawing will be held from bar receipts for \$25.

**283-4357 for details**

## NASCAR Pilot Program

Now until July 25  
Races may be viewed at  
the Pizza Pub in the  
Community Center  
July 11 & 25  
Weekly Prizes valued at  
\$150 & \$100

Prizes for participation will be given at  
each event. Must be a current AETC Club  
Member to win.

Grand Prizes: First place prize is a trip for two to attend the Ford 400 race on Nov. 21, 2004 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. It includes airfare, hotel accommodations, rental car and tickets to the race. 2nd place is \$500 and 3rd place is \$250 to purchase from the NASCAR website.

**283-4357**

Tyndall Enlisted Club

## Shotgun Karaoke

Last Thursday of the  
month in the Zone  
6-10 p.m.  
Compete for prizes  
by singing a song  
randomly chosen for you.

**Call for  
more details  
and information:  
283-4357**

## Base Pool Events

### ■ Dorm Rat Pool Party

July 24. FREE. Free admission to swim beginning at 7:30 p.m.  
Refreshments, activities, music and more.

### ■ Family Fun Day

July 31, 2 p.m. until. All admissions are FREE Pool games & activities for all ages; adult participation a MUST! Prizes, fun for all.

**Call 283-3199 for more details.**



New Computer Gaming Room

## Sector-Six

Sector-Six games include Battlefield Vietnam & Unreal Tournament (2-way). This program is free to patrons 18 & older. Gamers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Call 283-2495 for information**

## Bowl for the Stars & Strikes

Cool Off in the Bowling Center

Terrific Prizes:

Bowling Pin Keychain

Bowling Ball

Bank or T-Shirt

\$500 cash grand prize

or second prizes, a

Pride of Our Nation

Viz-A-Ball bowling ball.

Sponsored by Coca-Cola  
and Qubica  
No federal endorsement  
of sponsors intended.

Punches are given for every game bowled or large  
Coca-Cola fountain beverage purchased at Raptor Lanes  
snack bar now through August 31, 2004.



Start getting ready now

## 2004 Air Force Marathon September 18, 2004

**Call the Fitness Center for details.  
Or visit the official website at:**

<http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/registration.htm>

**283-2631**



## Youth Center National Kids Day and Back to School Block Party July 30, 5-9 p.m.

Fun Activities for the entire family!  
Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Even  
number houses please bring a vegetable  
or salad and odd number houses please  
bring a dessert.

**Dance the night away with a DJ  
283-4366**

## Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

### Water Aerobics

Back by popular demand. Tuesdays &  
Thursdays: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 6:30-  
7:30 p.m., Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 p.m.,  
Saturday 6-7 p.m. Shallow water is low  
impact. Deep water is no impact on the  
body. Check for prerequisites with Denise at  
butts\_n\_guts@hotmail.com Personal water  
aerobics training is also available for \$15  
per half hour. Payments must be made at  
Bonita Bay.

### Kayak Lessons

July 18. Cost per person \$45. A one day  
instructional course designed to teach the  
basics of kayaking an paddling  
skills. Students will learn kayak design,  
maneuverability, safety, self recovery and  
assisted recover. Class begins a 10  
a.m. Bring lunch, plenty of fluids; hat,  
sunblock, water shoes and towel  
recommended.

## Tyndall Base Library presents: The Librarian from the Black Lagoon

the 2004 Summer Reading program  
which will take place every Wednesday  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
from June 9 until August 4 this summer  
Call 283-4287 for more information.

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Surfs Up

Schedule a class and learn basic techniques  
and ocean awareness in a safe environment.  
Classes are held at St. Andrews State Park  
and transportation is provided. Cost is \$40  
per 2 hour session.

### MLS Soccer Camp

July 19-23. Open to youth ages 4-18 yrs. Cost  
is \$45 for 4-6 yr. olds and \$65 for everyone  
else. Campers receive a MLS ball and T-shirt.  
Applications are currently available at the  
Exchange Mall and the Youth Center.

### USA Tennis

Tennis anyone? Sign up for USA Tennis for ages  
6 and up and learn the basics in a friendly  
group atmosphere. The program runs August  
7, 14, 21, and 28 at 9 a.m. and the cost is  
\$30. Call 283-4366 for more details.

### Start Smart

Hit a homerun or score a goal and signup for  
Start Smart for ages 3-5. Work one-on-one with  
your child improving basic baseball and soccer  
skills. The classes run August 13, 20, 27 and  
September 3 at 10 a.m. and cost is \$30. Call  
Andy at 283-4366 for details.

### Start Smart Baseball

Batter up for Start Smart Baseball for ages 3-  
5. Work one-on-one with your child improving  
basic skills. The classes run August 10, 17,  
24, 31 at 10 a.m. and cost is \$30.

## Ship Fed Ex with Us!

**Fed Ex Express Services**

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Priority Overnight Economy 2 Day  
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**Our rates beat the others!**

Packages must be at the Community Center by 1:30  
p.m. for Overnight. Exclusions exist. Limit 10 lbs.

**Call the CAC for details: 283-2495**

## Community Center Blackbeard's Treasure Hunt

Starts August 3. Signup by July 30.  
Grand Prize is a Microsoft X-Box

**283-2495**

## Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

### Best Salad Bar on Base

All you can eat with soft drink \$5.95.



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worth of recreational and multimedia equipment. The fitness center, recreation center and a movie theater were all open 24 hours a day.

According to the Services Squadron superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Vyanne Roush, who was on the deployment team to Iraq, the team was able to set up the facilities amazingly fast.

“We basically went in there with no equipment, and had a small fitness center set up in one day,” she stated.

Sergeant Roush said, although there were plenty of volunteers, who were more than happy to help set up the fitness facility, the training the team members received from the readiness section ensured the entire setup operation ran smoothly.

Other training provided by the readiness section included classes on the proper usage of chemical protection gear, weapons training, and what to do in case of mortar attacks.

“Readiness set up all that training to help keep us efficient and able to do what we do,” Sergeant Roush explained.

“That training is what we took to the field with us.”

Master Sgt. Rufus Parker, readiness superintendent, said their training included how to set up a field lodging facility, fitness and sports program, feeding, a base exchange, and a section to deal with mortuary affairs.

“Our objective is to ensure that our personnel retain their proficiency in all their functional areas,” Sergeant Parker said. “And right now we have another team deployed that’s doing it all again. We have to constantly make sure everyone is up to date on their training, because we always have people deployed.”

Along with the contingencies around the world, the readiness section has some big responsibilities right here on base. Participating in wing-level exercises, real world search and recovery operations,

and staying abreast of the quickly changing and sometimes dangerous weather conditions of Florida help keep the readiness section busy year-round.

“We do plenty of hurricane evacuation exercises,” said Staff Sgt. Devin

Wright, NCO –in-charge of the readiness section. “If a hurricane were to hit, we have plans in place to get the dining hall up as fast as possible, and plans to provide shelter.”

Along with keeping up with Tyndall’s opera-

tional plans, base support agreements, and contingency appointment schedules, the readiness section is also responsible for the Base Honor Guard. In spite of all their other work, the readiness section personnel were able to revitalize the entire Honor Guard program last year.

“We energized our recruiting efforts, which doubled our manning in three

months,” said Lieutenant. Le. “We established a full-time Honor Guard mission, which provided support for more than 260,000 people.”

The increase in manning came in handy, since the Honor Guard performed at 114 funerals and 101 additional details in three different states last year. Not only did they perform exceptionally well, they received commendations from the mayor of the city of Parker for professionalism and dedication to service, and praise from Florida Governor Jeb Bush for providing exemplary support during the grand opening of Simms Veterans Hospital in Panama City.

It is rare for any Readiness Section to win a “Best in Air Force” award two years in a row, but 2nd Lt. Carolynn Czepiga, this year’s Readiness OIC, said it is very possible the Readiness Section will win the 2005 Readiness Program of the Year Award too.

“I think our standard of excellence, in keeping pace with our high operational tempo, will ensure that we will win next year’s award as well.”

**“We are indeed honored to receive this prestigious award once again. However, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the awesome support from Team Tyndall. ... It was a total team effort.”**

**COL. MARTIN SAYLES**  
325th Mission Support Group commander

